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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA SUPPORTS REFERENCE TO IPR AT U.S.-EU SUMMIT

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1. (SBU) Post conveyed reftel points to the GoA's COTRA delegation in Brussels and followed up June 8 with Gabriela Habermayer, Austria's 133 Committee representative. Habermayer agreed that U.S.-EU cooperation on IPR, especially in the developing world, was an area of positive collaboration that transcended any single dispute, i.e., the "Irish music" case. Habermayer said the GoA supported reference to IPR issues at the summit, either in a separate declaration or as part of the initiative paper. On energy efficiency and the economic initiative, Habermayer said the GoA was open to USG ideas, but would support a Member State consensus. Habermayer agreed the Summit should accentuate the positive aspects of U.S.-EU economic relations. In this context, Habermayer stated the GoA does not support referencing trade disputes in summit documents.
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